

# Area 2 Young Rider Program 2022

## **Mission:**

The activities are designed to develop camaraderie among young riders, thus, hopefully, developing lifelong friendships and a commitment to the sport. The purpose of the program is to encourage our younger members to become involved in the sport of Eventing and perhaps continue this involvement into their adult lives as members of the US Team, volunteers at local events, coaches, trainers, competitors, and consumers of equine products. We support riders through the year in which they turn 25!

The Young Rider Program consists to two components. The YTC branch focuses on developing and fronting riders and their horses for the USEF Youth Team Championships. The Advancement Program branch focuses on providing young riders with the education and skills they need to develop skills for life, attending trainings, competing on teams, and encouraging life long engagement in the sport.

In addition, each has a fund-raising program. The funds raised are used to help defray the costs of the program activities. Our primary fundraising activity is the selling of Area 2 branded gear. The remainder of our revenue is from donations and dues. Young Riders spend a significant amount of time in the public. Visibility is important for program growth and obtaining public support so do consider buying Area 2 YR Gear. A link will be sent out a few times a year to order gear. Wear our YR-II branded clothes with pride. Watch your emails for when the portal for ordering is open.

The Young Rider program supports the Interscholastic Eventing Leagues which provides a team experience for those riders age 12 and above at all levels. Barns, trainers, Pony Clubs, and best friends are encouraged to create an Affiliate. (it is free!) Area 2 YRP will coordinate with members to ensure all program members continue to have a “team” experience.

**Activities:** Our Young Rider Advancement banner and a representative can be found near the scoreboard or awards at the competitions below. From there we coordinate “Behind the Scenes” activities and distribute awards. We can provide assistance for things like: Identifying those who will provide a free course walk to our members; finding an instructor or horse; understanding the rules etc. We are you advocate, so feel free to reach out at anytime.

The **behind the scenes** is model from the National Mentorship Program. Riders will be given an opportunity to shadow judge, hang with the TD, Course Builder, assist in Show Jumping, scoring, or other activity. The biggest learning often comes when we can change a teenager’s perception of what is a “good dressage test” or what the course builder is trying to test in your knowledge. Behind the scenes requires you to commit to being on the event grounds for a larger portion of the day – I promise you won’t regret the learning.

Area 2 Young Riders supports the **Classic 3-Day** format for learning the horsemanship specific to Eventing. We provide promotional consideration to **Classic 3-Days** held at Full Moon Farm, and Waredaca. YRP encourages participation at the classics, and helps fund the cost of training and team awards at the classics within Area 2.

**WoW Camps** are held with USEA ICP certified instructors as leads whenever possible the coaches and selectors of our YR teams as provide instruction. These camps are modeled off the **Emerging Athlete Pathways Program**. They are always popular and fill fast. They usually consist of two mounted sessions each day with focus on dressage, ring craft, show jumping courses, XC, pace, and grid work. Lessons are tailored to the needs and desires of the students who ride as individuals or in very small

groups. Additional lectures and education are including most days. The entry for each WoW Camp will be found on StriderPro.com. In 2022, we are partnering with Full Moon Farm Quarter Star as a means to expose more riders to the learning that comes from doing the classic 3-day format. Our Summer WoW Camp will be hosted at Loch Moy. If covid is contained we may host a Winter WoW Camp as well.

**Emerging Athlete's Program** is back in full swing in 2022. We support the program for our FEI level riders with the USEF. The application for the EAP will be on the USEF dashboard. Selection to the EAP is exclusive and submitting a good application, is critical to being chosen by the selectors to train with David O'Connor and Leslie Law. The E18 program is for Training Level and above and the E25 is for Intermediate and above riders.

**FEI Level Young Rider Championship** will be hosted by Tryon in November. Representing Area 2 at these championships is usually the highlight of a YRs season. The USEF Young Rider Eventing Championship will award three championship titles: CCI1\*-L, CCI2\*-L, and CCI3\*-L. Applications and area declaration forms can be found on the USEF Athlete Dashboard and will be accepted now through May 1, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Reach out to Chris, to learn more about the qualifications and how teams are chosen.

**Year-end Awards** are not automatic for the Area. You must also sign-up for this program separately on USEA2.net starting in March. We will send numerous reminders to program members to join before the July deadline.

**Achievement Awards** are Individual awards are given at selective events each month. The goal is for riders to judge their performance as an individual and not against their peers in the class. The achievement awards are calculated based on your final score and not your placing. Area 2 YRAP Achievement Ribbons are awarded for National Qualifying Rides based on a Modified Danish Scoring System. For 2021 the system was adjusted to add fifth place as follows:

First	32 or Below
Second	32.1 - 35
Third	35.1 - 38
Fourth	38.1 - 41
Fifth	41.1 - 45

Minimum Eligibility Requirement (MER): an MER is achieved by completing the entire Horse Trial and scoring not more than 50 penalty points (45 for FEI tests) in the Dressage Test; and no jumping penalties at obstacles on the Cross Country Test and not more 36 penalty points (FEI <5\* 30 penalties)) exceeding the optimum time; and not more than 16 penalties at obstacles in the Jumping Test. Athletes who get 25 penalty points for Dangerous Riding will not achieve a MER.

Learning more about Area 2 Young Rider activities can be achieved through the following:

- The Google Group Mailing List - Feel free to add email addresses to the google group, our primary method of communication. <https://groups.google.com/g/usea-area2-yr-yrap>
- We share positive stories and information through our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/area2youngriders/>
- [USEA2.net](https://usea2.net) also has great information, including the current ranking details for our FEI level YRs.
- Feel free to call and chat with Chris Donovan or any of the other volunteers who work to make your program membership a valuable asset.

COVID may impact the schedule.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Feb 26- Mar 7	<a href="#">Area 2 Aiken Invasion (Aiken SC)</a> Emerging Athlete Program Activities	Ala-carte lessons and XC schooling
March 5-6	<a href="#">Sporting Days Farm H.T. II</a> (Aiken, SC) Open: Jan 18   Close: Feb 15 Divisions: BN,N,T,PT,P	IEL Team Competition
April 10	<a href="#">CDCTA Spring HT (Berryville, VA)</a> Open: Feb 22   Close: Mar 22 Divisions: BN, N, T, P	Achievement Awards
May 7-8	<a href="#">Waredaca</a> (Gaithersburg, MD) Open: Mar 22   Close: Apr 19 Divisions: BN, N, T, M, P, I	IEL Team Competition Achievement Awards
May 21-22	<a href="#">Fair Hill International</a> (Fair Hill, MD) Open: Apr 5   Close: May 3 Divisions: BN,N,T,P,I	IEL Team Competition Achievement Awards
June 4	<a href="#">MCTA HT @ Shawan Downs</a> (Hunt Valley, MD) Open: Apr 19   Close: May 17 Divisions: BN,N,T,M,P	IEL Team Competition
June 18-19	<a href="#">Seneca Valley Pony Club</a> (Poolesville, MD) Open: May 3   Close: May 31 Divisions: BN,N,T,M,P,I	Achievement Awards
Jul 8-10	<a href="#">The Maryland H.T. at Loch Moy Farm I</a> (Adamstown, MD) Open: May 24   Close: June 21 Divisions: CCI1, CCI2-S, CCI3-S, BN,N,T,M,P,I	IEL Team Competition
Jul 15-17	<a href="#">The Maryland H.T. at Loch Moy Farm II</a> (Adamstown, MD) Open: May 31   Close: June 21 Divisions: BN,N,T,M,P,I	IEL Team Competition Achievement Awards
<b>July 19-22</b>	<b>Summer WoW Camp Loch Moy Farm (Adamstown MD)</b>	<b>CAMP</b>
July 24	<a href="#">Full Moon Farm</a> (Finksburg, MD) Open: June 7   Close: July 5 Divisions: BN,N,T,TP	IEL Team Competition
July 28-31	<a href="#">US Pony Club Championships</a> Open: June 14   Close: July 12 Divisions: BN,N,T,MT,P	Program Member Achievement Awards
Aug 19-21	<a href="#">Waredaca</a> (Gaithersburg, MD) Open: July 5   Close: Aug 2 Divisions: BN, N, T, M, P, I	IEL Team Competition Achievement Awards
Sep 3-4	<a href="#">Seneca Valley Pony Club</a> (Poolesville, MD) Open: Jul 19   Close: Aug 16 Divisions: BN,N,T,M,P,I	Achievement Awards
Sept 10-11	<a href="#">Five Points HT</a> (Southern Pines, NC) Open: July 26   Close: Aug 23 Divisions: BN,N,T,M,P,I,A	Achievement Awards
Sept 30 – Oct 2	<a href="#">The Maryland H.T. at Loch Moy Farm</a> (Adamstown, MD) Open: Aug 16   Close: Sep 13 Divisions: BN,N,T,M,P,I, AI	IEL Team Competition Area Championships
Oct 21-24	<a href="#">Waredaca Classic 3D Event &amp; H.T.</a> (Laytonsville, MD) Open: Sep 6   Close: Oct 4 Divisions: BN3D,N3D,T3D,M3D,P3D, BN,N,T,M,P	3Day Team Competition IEL Team Competition
Oct 30	<a href="#">Full Moon Farm</a> (Finksburg, MD) Open: Sept 21   Close: Oct 18 Divisions: BN,N,NT,T,PT	IEL Team Competition Achievement Awards
Nov 3-6	<a href="#">Virginia CCI/CIC &amp; H.T.</a> (Lexington, VA) Open: Sep 15   Close: Oct 13 Divisions: Starter,BN,N,T,P,I,AI, CCI1, CCI2L, CCI3L	IEL Team Competition YR/AR Program Teams Achievement Awards
<b>Nov 9-13</b>	<b>Tryon International 3-Day Event</b> Open: Sept 27   Close: Oct 25 Divisions: CCI1-L, CCI2-L, CCI3-L, CCI4-S, CCI4-L	<b>USEF YR Championships</b>